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In re Application of : **ATTENTION APPLICATIONS BRANCH**
REID et al. :
Serial No. 09/873,286 :
Filed: June 5, 2001 :
For: HEPATIC PROGENITORS AND METHODS OF ISOLATING SAME

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE
MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated June 29, 2001, submitted herewith are the following:

1. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
2. Late Filing fee/Declaration Surcharge in the amount of \$65.00.
3. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application.
4. With respect to the requirement for Substitute Drawings, the formal drawings submitted to the Patent Office on June 5, 2001 are believed to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84.

More specifically, the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application indicated that substitute drawings were required because the drawings contained "excessive text". Applicants respectfully submit that FIG. 6 is labeled as a flow diagram and as such, will by nature contain text which is acceptable under the rules.

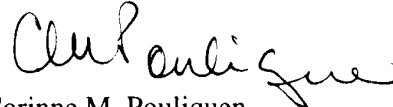
Further, as this application is a continuation application, Applicants have merely submitted exact duplicates of the drawings present in the parent application.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this requirement is respectfully requested.

No additional fees are believed necessary. However, please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-0436 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

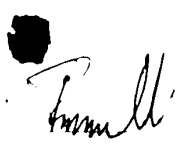
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because
 - drawings contain excessive text. Suitable descriptive legends may be used, or may be required by the Examiner where necessary for understanding of the drawing but should contain as few words as possible (see 37 CFR 1.84(o));

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "T. Smith", is written over a horizontal line.

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